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| For: FORCE-ON-PEDAL SENSOR AND PEDAL-PRESSURE DETECTING DEVICE USING THE SAME |   |                                       |

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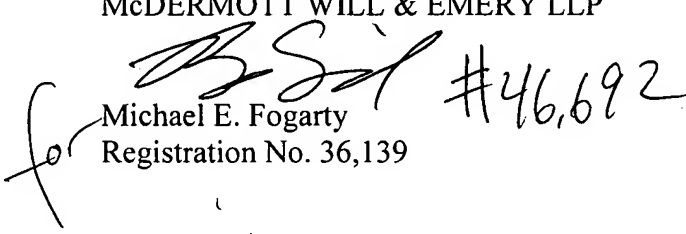
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The relevance of non-English language reference (JP 2002-205628) is discussed in the present specification.

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